

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all my friends and fellow members of the American Hibiscus Society.

As I am writing this there are still some of our Hibiscus Shows left, but as you read it they will all be past history with the possible exception of Golden Triangle Chapter show. I am very happy that they decided to have a show this year. I am hoping that all you fine people will lend them all the help and support you can give. Many hours of work and planning goes into the "making" of a show, we owe it to each chapter to get our bloom there and support their shows. We saw some very fine shows this year and aside from the excitement of competition, there is always the pleasure of seeing all our Hibiscus friends again.

Before the next meeting of the Board, there will be another Nomenclature meeting and you will all be informed as things progress. [It is a momentous task to rework and reprint the Nomenclature list,] but the committee is working very hard and you will all benefit eventually from the fruits of their collective labor. This is a job that takes a great deal of time and planning, but please be patient and in time we will have a Nomenclature list that we can all be proud of.

We recently lost three of our members. The night before the Halifax Chapter show, they lost one of their charter members and our sympathies go out to them and members of the bereaved family. The Ridge Chapter also lost one of their members by sudden death. This was a fine gentleman, whom I had met briefly but liked very much and we extend sympathies to them also. During the month of August Alex Barthle passed away and his loss will be felt for a long time to come. Many fine and beautiful Hibiscus have come to us through the years as a result of his hybridizing. Many of you folks have at least one of his fine flowers, I am sure. Some of his fine ones include:
✓ Scarlet Giant, ✓ Ox-Blood, ✓ Hex, ✓ Veronica, ✓ Fire Chief,
✓ Mandarin, ✓ Con-Fu-Tse and many others.

The time is upon us to prepare our plants for the cold weather. Since there is a variance, I will not go into that here. If you do not know what to do, please write in and we will see that you receive the information you need. I am pleased to report that we received some questions from members and would like to have more, so keep them coming. Any letters of comment or suggestions will be most welcome. New ideas are always useful and it is our aim to improve the Seed Pod for your benefit. While I am on the subject of the Seed Pod I believe this is the opportune moment to commend Jimmie Monroe for the fine job he does with it. He is a fine "right arm" and we would all be lost without him. Jimmie also does most of the tallying at each of the shows and deserves a vote of thanks, for this is a tedious job, but he does it with all his usual efficiency.

If any of you members, either of the various chapters or members at large have the opportunity to sit in at the Board of Directors meetings as guests and observers, please do so. You are all welcome any time.

As the weather grows cooler, you will find that your plants will set seeds if you pollinate them. Try it for yourself and see the fun you will have watching your "children" grow and bloom. If one variety does not work, try another.

See you all next issue. "May the Good Lord look on all you love, tenderly, today."

- Rosalie Wylie

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* Christmas Happiness, Peace and Prosperity *
* all year to our A.H.S. Friends *
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